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Norwich, Thursday, Dec. 27, 1917.

THE WEATHER.

The northwestern depression is central of the Washington coast, with a secondary over southeastern Wyoming and a strong anti-cyclone is moving southward from the Canadian northwest.

It is unseasonably cold in northeastern districts and also, but to a less degree, in the Atlantic coast districts south of Virginia. In the upper Missouri valley a second lowering of the temperature has set in within the last few days, with snow over Montana, North Dakota and northern Wyoming.

The weather will continue cold in eastern districts during the next 24 hours, but there will be a slight increase in temperature Friday, becoming more marked on Saturday.

Snow is probable in the lake region and the Ohio valley Thursday and Friday and rain in Tennessee and the east gulf states.

Forecast.

Southern New England: Fair Thursday and Friday.

Observations in Norwich.

The following record reported from Sevin's pharmacy, show the changes in temperature and the barometric changes Wednesday:

	Ther. Bar.
7 a. m.	19.30.50
12 m.	20.30.51
5 p. m.	21.30.05
Highest 23, lowest 19.	

Comparisons.

Predictions for Wednesday: Fair and colder.

Wednesday's weather: As predicted.

Sun.	Rises.	Sets.	High.	Water.	Moon.	Sets.
Day.	a. m.	p. m.	a. m.	a. m.		a. m.
24	7:13	4:29	6:11	3.22		
25	7:13	4:29	7:13	4.31		
26	7:13	4:29	8:13	5.34		
27	7:13	4:29	9:13	6.30		
28	7:13	4:29	9:37	7.28	Rises	
29	7:13	4:29	10:37	8.26		
30	7:13	4:29	11:05	9.17		

Six hours after high water it is low tide, which is followed by flood tide.

GREENEVILLE

Congregational Church to Hold Annual Christmas Entertainment Friday Night—Personals.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Sunday school of the Greenville Congregational church will be held on Friday night, Master Harry Allen, the boy cornetist will render several selections. The male quartette will sing and the children of the Sunday school will give recitations.

Personals.

Richard Nelson is working for Bates & Co. at their pond in Greenville.

William Ringland is spending the week with relatives in New London.

Robert Peckham has accepted a position in the store of W. E. Baldwin of Taftville.

Corp. William McClinton of Fisher's Island spent the holidays at his home in Greenville.

George Crowe of the naval reserve visited his parents on Prospect street over Christmas. He is stationed at Pelham Bay.

TAFTVILLE

Troop 10 to Hold Watch Night Banquet—Windham Team Beats Dornon Five—Personals.

Wednesday evening the scouts of Troop 10 held a meeting at the scout rooms. Plans were made to respect to the New Year banquet which they are to have on New Year's Eve.

Scout Commissioner R. M. Bruce has sent word that he will be there at the banquet, which is to be held in the Congregational church.

Hustlers Take Three.

In Mill League No. 1 the Hustlers took three straight games from the Dornon Fives. Fregeau had the high single 128, and the high three 342.

The scores:

Hustlers.			
Miller	114	94	103-315
Reeves	113	100	92-304
Charlier	111	87	126-342
Fregeau	104	110	128-342
	503	503	543-1569
Dornon Fives.			
Coleman	81	102	97-287
Molleur	83	82	97-262
Murphy	102	91	98-291
Donohue	98	98	98-276
Perkins	107	112	162-327
	471	481	484-2443

Dornon Five Defeated.

Christmas afternoon the fast basketball team of Windham defeated the Dornon Five of Taftville. The game was fast, but the Windham team played together better than the local boys and succeeded in scoring the most points. The final score of the game was, Windham 15, Taftville 10.

The local team however, was discouraged but expect to get away with the second game, which will be played some time next week.

Personals.

George Dugas of Versailles was a business visitor in Taftville Wednesday.

Leo Bisquai was in town for a short visit Wednesday. He motored from Hanover to Taftville.

Dr. Hartwell Thompson was in Taftville for the Christmas holidays. He is now a doctor in the Hartford hospital.

Leo Jacques left town Wednesday to return to Rocky Hill, where he has been stationed since his enlistment in the Naval Reserve.

The following men returned to Newport Wednesday after having spent the holidays at their homes: Gustave Greenwood, Joseph Benoit, Robert Pilling, Oville Benson, Archie Normand and Eugene Desmarais.

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SENTENCE PASSED ON ARMSTRONG

New London Man to Serve Three Months in Jail and Pay Fine of \$100—Found Guilty of Keeping Disorderly House Within Five Miles of Military Station—Will be Committed to Local Jail.

In the United States district court at Hartford Judge Edwin S. Thomas on Wednesday sentenced Herbert H. Armstrong to three months confinement in the Norwich jail and imposed a fine of \$100 upon him. Armstrong had been found guilty of maintaining a disorderly house in New London within five miles of a military post. The jury had returned a verdict of guilty Monday, at which time United States District Attorney Thomas J. Spellacy had asked Judge Thomas to exercise clemency when pronouncing sentence. Wednesday this plea was withdrawn.

United States District Attorney Thomas J. Spellacy and Assistant District Attorney Raymond G. Lindner and John P. Begley prosecuted the case. Armstrong's lawyers were Mayor Allyn R. Brown of Norwich and Abel P. Tanner of New London.

After several days' trial Armstrong was convicted last Saturday of conducting a house of evil reputation at the corner of Broadway and Green streets in New London, which is within five miles of army stations at Fort Trumbull, the state pier and the submarine base. The principal witnesses against the man were Eva May Watson, Viola Burr and Florence St. Germain. Following their return to New London they were arrested Sunday and are to be tried in that city Saturday on charges involving the immoral lives they led. Eva Watson had been sentenced by the federal court in Hartford, her sentence expiring on Saturday, and she had promised Judge Thomas that she would immediately would pack her goods and leave New London in a week for her former home in Montreal, Canada.

W. J. MULLIGAN WILL ADDRESS LOCAL K. OF C.

He Will Speak on the Campaign Which is to Be Opened in This City in January.

On Friday evening of this week William J. Mulligan of Hartford, National director and chairman of the Connecticut "Knights of Columbus War Fund" committee, will deliver an address to an open meeting to be held in the council room on Franklin street. The purpose of the meeting is to have a campaign the week of January 14th, to secure their allotment of the fund that is being raised for war work and Mr. Mulligan comes to Norwich to tell of the work which the order of the Knights of Columbus and other organizations are doing in the training camps and with the expeditionary force abroad; also to tell of the great need that exists for funds to carry on this work.

No man in Connecticut is better qualified to explain the character of the work that is being done by the knights than the chairman of the war fund committee, as his position on the board of national directors enables him to keep in close touch with the various activities that are being promoted for the welfare of the men in the service.

Invitations to this meeting have been extended to a number of prominent citizens, who it is thought might be interested in hearing about the war work which the order of the Knights of Columbus is doing and besides those specially invited a general invitation is extended to all the citizens of Norwich to attend. Everybody will be welcome and there will be no solicitation for funds at this meeting.

ROBERT GOLDSTEIN PRESENTED MANY USEFUL GIFTS

By Y. M. H. A. in Which He Has Been An Active Worker.

At a special meeting of the local Y. M. H. A. Wednesday evening the members and officers showed their appreciation of Robert Goldstein's services in various capacities by presenting him with a comfort kit and a set of military brushes. He was also presented with a box of cigars by Samuel Cramer. Mr. Goldstein was also given a membership ticket for the duration of the war and given the free privileges of all the rooms.

Many expressions of appreciation and Godspeed were given Mr. Goldstein by various members. Mr. Goldstein leaves Thursday morning for Hartford where he will join the Naval Reserve. Louis Friedberg of Spring street also leaves in the morning to join the Naval Reserve. He is the son of H. Friedberg.

MARLIN-ROCKWELL EMPLOYEES SWELL HALIFAX FUND

Contributed Over \$250 For Relief of Sufferers.

Wednesday the Halifax Relief Fund took a big jump as the employees of the Marlin-Rockwell company gave the generous sum of \$242.30, bringing the total of the fund to date \$797.55. The fund will close Thursday night when the money which has been collected will be sent to the Bank of Nova Scotia which has charge of the relief work in city stricken by the war. It is hoped that enough will be raised today so that that total from the city employees will amount to over a thousand dollars.

SHOULD PUT RED CROSS BOOTHS IN CASES

Committee Requests This Favor to Save Unnecessary Expense.

A member of the Red Cross campaign committee is asking as a final favor of those who have charge of the places where the enrollments have been made—jailors and business men—if they will put these booths, which are easily collapsible, into their cases. This will economize time and labor in placing them up. The campaign committee is also asking that the superintendents of booths in the outlying districts manage their return to the Bill block on Shetucket street at the convenience of the Red Cross to reduce campaign expenses as much as possible.

Boats Unable to Accommodate Returning Soldiers.

Several of the Norwich boys from the port received an unexpected extension of their leave when the boats from New London were unable to accommodate the large number returned from Christmas leave.

Body Not Recovered.

Up to a late hour Wednesday evening the body of Robert Hewett had not been recovered. His companion, Fred Lathrop, was called for at Gates Ferry until Wednesday afternoon when he returned to his own home in Uncasville.

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GOV'T CONTROL OF RAILROADS PROCLAIMED

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so far as they could while hampered as they were by legal restrictions.

Follows the British System.

The plan of control as outlined in the proclamation and statement leaves much to be desired, but the general scheme appears to follow closely the British system. In England, however, government freight is carried free and the guaranteed earnings are an enormous amount of money from government funds, while in the United States the government will pay for its freight as in the past and will stand its part of increased freight tariffs if they are found to be necessary.

Aside from the president's statement there was no comment in the capital tonight on the government's move. Secretary McAdoo declined to be quoted and members of the railroad board said they would have no statement to make until tomorrow.

Rate Question Will Not Be Affected.

Rate questions, including the pending 15 per cent. advance case before the Interstate Commerce Commission, will be affected immediately by President Wilson's proclamation directing government operation for railroads, and the commission will continue to exercise all its existing functions.

An early decision of the eastern and western railroads' application for 15 per cent. higher rates is now expected.

Railroads will continue to apply to the commission for increases or modifications of rates and practices, unless the director-general issues specific orders otherwise, and in that case his authority will be supreme. The principal rate question now under consideration by the commission in addition to the 15 per cent. case are the express companies' application for a 10 per cent. increase in rates for the transportation of the western inter-mountain cases.

Doubt About Express Companies.

Some doubt was felt tonight as to whether express companies are included in the president's proclamation. They are not mentioned specifically, but the president referred to "every system of transportation and the appurtenances thereto." This was generally interpreted as including these companies, whose business is so closely interlocked with that of the railroads.

State railroad and public utilities commissions will be left with full powers to supervise intrastate rates and transportation rules. It is presumed that railroads will apply direct to the Interstate Commerce Commission or to the state commissions as in the past without referring questions of rate increase to the director general, although the procedure will depend largely on the scheme of control to be worked out by Mr. McAdoo.

In the fifteen per cent. cases the railroads presented figures showing marked declines in net earnings since the war began. The increase in earnings resulting from a fifteen per cent. increase probably would not suffice to check the decline. The officials led to suggest that the government railroad administration might look toward higher rates, since they would tend to reduce the operating losses which the government will cost the public under the plan of guaranteeing pre-war earnings.

The President's Statement.

The president's statement follows: "I have exercised the powers over the transportation systems of the country which were granted me by the act of congress of August 1916, because it is necessary for the complete mobilization of our resources that the transportation systems of the country should be organized and employed under a single authority and a simplified method of coordination which have not proved possible under private management and control."

The president's statement of railway executives who have been co-operating with the government in this all-important matter have done the utmost that it was possible for them to do, have done it with patriotic zeal and with great ability; but there were differences that they could neither escape nor neutralize. Complete unity of administration in the present circumstances involves upon occasion and at many points a serious dislocation of earnings, and the committee was, of course, without power or authority to rearrange charges or effect proper compensations and adjustments of earnings. Several roads which were willingly and with patriotic spirit accepting the orders of the committee have already suffered from these circumstances and should not be required to suffer further.

Increase of Efficiency.

"In more fairness to them the full authority of the government must be substituted. The government itself will thereby gain an immense increase of efficiency in the conduct of the war and of the innumerable activities upon which its successful conduct depends."

"The public interest must be served and, in addition, the financial interests of the government and the financial interests of the railroads must be brought under a common direction. The financial operations of the railroads need not then interfere with the borrowings of the government, and their financial operations can be conducted at greater advantage. Investors in railway securities may rest assured that their rights and interests will be as fully protected as under the present government as they could be by the directors of the several railway systems. Immediately upon the reassembly of congress I shall recommend that these definite guarantees be given. First, of course, that the railway properties will be maintained during the period of federal control in as good repair and with complete equipment as when taken over by the government, and second, that the roads shall receive a net operating income equal in each case to the average net income of the three years preceding June 30, 1917, and I am entirely confident that the congress will be disposed in this case, as in others, to see that justice is done and full security assured to the owners and creditors of the great systems which the government must now use for the service and whose authority is a serious embarrassment."

Immediate Executive Direction.

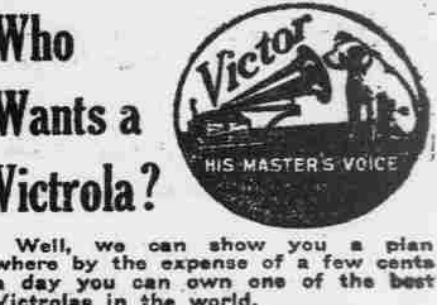
"The secretary of war and I are agreed that, the circumstances being taken into consideration, the railroads can be obtained under the immediate executive direction of the Hon. William G. McAdoo, whose practical experience peculiarly fits him for the service and whose authority as secretary of the treasury will enable him to co-ordinate as no other man could the many financial interests which will be involved and which might otherwise be systematically directed, suffer very embarrassing entanglements. United States is the only great government now engaged in the war which has not already assumed control of this sort. It was thought to be in the spirit of American institutions to attempt to do everything that was necessary through private management, and if that had been the policy which was followed could have accomplished the necessary unification of administration, it would



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